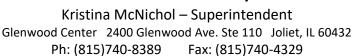


Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County





8 June 2021

Executive Meeting

7:00 AM

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-18 issued by Governor Pritzker, meetings will be held via videoconference/telephonically through the ZOOM Meeting platform. VAC Will County Board Members will be attending meetings remotely and the general public is strongly encouraged to do the same. If a member of the public would like to attend the meeting virtually, please send an email to vacwc@willcountyillinois.com and a link will provided.

I. Call to Order:

II.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Opening Prayer: Tom Mlynek Roll Call of Attendees: Secretary

VAC Commission		
Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jack Picciolo	President	Р
Nicholas Barry	Vice President	Р
Denise Williams	Secretary	Р
Amanda Koch	Sgt-At-Arms	Р
Jim Singler	Chaplain	A
Tom Mlynek	Member	Р
Janet Blue	Member	A
Steve Benicke	Member	Р
Vic Martinka	Past Chairman	Р
John York	Past Chairman	E
Wayne Horne	Past Chairman	A

- III. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees: Greg Roach, Past Commander, Plainfield AL
- IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting (11 May @ 7:00 AM)
 - A. Motion: Benicke, Mlynek; Unanimous
- V. Superintendents Report:
 - A. Award/VSO Productivity
 - a) VSO Papineau & Wiza working on Award Log: 2015 -> \$83.3M VA Benefits VSO Wiza reported minimal change to current, NPRC is still delayed, still processing emergency, homeless as priority
 - B. Project165 Report Valerie Tawrel
 - a) Homeless Prevention/Security Deposits: 7 House Holds
 - b) Total Served Hotel: 31 Vets; 36 Individual; Total Housed: 21 Total Ref: 14 VSO Tawrel stated new initiative, veterans are being processed immediately, doing referrals, intakes on-site via Catholic Charities, VoA, states VACWC staff is there Mondays, Wednesdays;

states currently housing 6; states while other agencies are processing, they are paying for hotel; VACWC currently providing case management for 10

VI. New Business

- A. Letter of Intent Smith Family YMCA (attached)
 Letter not provided, discussion re:status, waiting for YMCA to respond, other entities are also interested in property
- B. ESG Grant application accepted & awaiting approval from WC Executive
- a) 6/10/2021 WCB Exec. Committee Agenda to add position to VAC Budget County Board has to give final approval, VACWC has interviewed a potential candidate for an outreach person; Tawrel, Picciolo, Horne to attend, Solum to verify date/time of meeting

VII. Old Business

- A. CARES Funding Update:
 - a) VAC on Finance Committee Agenda 7/6/2021 requesting remaining CARES (P165) to be moved to VAC budget

Solum reported request has been made to process reimbursement, change in process, has doubled in time for approval; funds stated approx. \$55k left, have various timelines in which to spend/receive reimbursement; Tawrel advised most have been extended through Sept 2022; Solum stated \$51k of Cares funding, \$30k of FEMA; Solum/Tawrel stated \$2500 per room/\$18k per month is current expenditure

- VIII. For Good of the Commission/Public Comment
 - A. Veterans Day Ceremony 2021
 - a) Rialto has 11/14/2021 (<u>Sunday</u>) available Thoughts? Solum stated Rialto avail on the Sunday; Picciolo stated begin planning; unknown who/which entity will be organizing, i.e., City of Joliet, VACWC

Jennifer Roach advised AL magazine has an article on issues w/veterans and citizenship, re: last month's discussion; Picciolo stated there was a news report, stated VACWC is forming a committee; discussion of Oswego temporary Memorial Wall; discussion of 1969 anniversary of HMAS Melbourne in South China Sea accident, Mlynek discussed sailors lost, funeral detail; Picciolo stated looking for a hospital bed for a local vet, contact Alyssa at VAC; Greg Roach stated legislature has passed renaming of Rt. 59 as PFC Andrew Meari Memorial Hwy, stated details to come

IX. Motion to Adjourn: Martinka, Koch; unanimous

VAC Executive Committee Meeting
7/13/2021
7AM
2400 Glenwood Ave STE 110 Joliet IL 60435
VIA Zoom